

As the result of a run of ten days the bank of Dunn, N. C. a state institution, on the 10th, closed its doors. The capital was \$22,000; assets, \$115,900.

Samuel C. Hazard, ex-army officer of Pottsville, Pa., was found guilty, on the 10th, at Minneapolis, Minn., of bigamy, for which charge he was tried in that city.

President Roosevelt announced, on the 9th, that he would be unable to accept the invitation to attend the celebration of Washington's birthday at Alexandria, Va.

Congress, on the 10th, by a vote of 159 to 148, declared William Connell elected from the Tenth Pennsylvania district, when he was at once sworn in as a member.

Charles F. Gould, editor of the Evansville (Ind.) Bulletin, fell dead while sitting at his desk there, on the 10th. Death was due to strangulation by a bronchial tumor. He was 55 years of age.

Senator Hanna passed through the climax of his illness, on the 12th, and it was feared he was dying, but he rallied strongly, and there was again some hope given that he might win the forlorn fight.

W. W. Buchanan, United States minister to Panama arrived in the New York, on the 9th, from Colon. Mr. Buchanan said he would probably not return to Panama as the representative of this country.

An investigation, on the 9th, of the ruins of several of the banks and trust companies of Baltimore, Md., in the section destroyed by fire, disclosed the fact that their vaults and contents were absolutely intact.

The banquet which was to have been held at Cleveland, O., on the 12th, as the concluding feature of the annual meeting of the Ohio Republican league, was abandoned because of the serious illness of Senator Hanna.

Lincoln's birthday was observed in Chicago, on the 12th, by the Marquette club with a banquet and public meeting at the Auditorium hotel. Secretary of the Treasury Shaw was the principal speaker of the evening.

United States Minister Powell reported, on the 12th, by cable to the state department from San Domingo, under date of the 9th, that it was reported in the capital that a battle had been fought in Sanchez and many people killed.

Senator Daniel, of Virginia, introduced a bill in the senate, on the 11th, appropriating \$40,000 for the completion of the Jefferson Memorial obelisk lesson road from Charlottesville, Va., to Monticello, the grave of Thomas Jefferson.

Gov. Albert B. Cummins, of Iowa, was the principal speaker, on the 12th, at the annual Lincoln day banquet given by the Minneapolis (Minn.) Flamingo club. Five hundred persons listened attentively to Gov. Cummins' speech on "The Iowa Idea."

Gustav Marx, self-confessed participant in the Chicago car barn murders, turned aside by his co-defendants, Peter Neidermeyer and Harvey Var Dine, at the opening of the trial of the three men, on the 8th, and offered to become a witness for the state.

In the district court at Cripple Creek, Col., on the 8th, Judge Lewis overruled the motion of ex-Congressman John M. Glover, of Missouri, for dismissal of the charges of assault with intent to murder Sergeants Dittmore and Smith of the Colorado national guard.

Acting Chief Moran, of the United States secret service, announced, on the 9th, the discovery of a new counterfeit ten-dollar national bank note on the Third national bank of Rockford, Ill. It was a photographic production on two pieces of paper with silk threads between them.

A deal was closed, on the 11th, whereby the state land board of Wyoming sold 16,000 acres of land in the Big Horn country to Apostle Woodruff and a syndicate of Mormons. The Mormons propose to start big irrigation projects and settle the land with at least twenty thousand Mormons.

The Kansas department of the G. A. R. directed the Lincoln day programme in Topeka, Kas., on the 12th. Col. L. W. Waters, of Kansas City, made an address. Gen. Nelson A. Miles was to have been present, but was detained by the serious illness of Mrs. Miles.

News having reached the state department at Washington, D. C., on the 11th, that the Jimenez rebels were tearing up the American railroad between Puerto Plata and Santiago, in San Domingo, the state department capped a warship to be ordered to the former port.

Word was received in Chicago, on the 9th, of the death in Florida of Mrs. Mary Abbott, for several years literary editor of the Chicago Herald, and later of the Chicago Times-Herald. She was the mother of Mrs. Peter Dunne, wife of the creator of "Mr. Dooley," and was herself well known in literary circles.

In an altercation on a railway platform at Lewistown, Mo., 50 miles from Quincy, Ill., Noah Bowles, town marshal, was shot and killed by William Pittman, who subsequently committed suicide. It was alleged that Pittman was intoxicated and had terrorized the passengers on a train from Labelle to Lewistown.

Frank Jones, said to be a notorious outlaw, was instantly killed by two members of a sheriff's posse, on the 12th, in the northwestern part of Montana. Jones, it is alleged, was the leader of a gang that has terrorized cattlemen and stockmen in that valley for ten years. Rewards aggregating \$1,500 were standing for Jones' capture dead or alive.

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE.

FIFTY-EIGHTH CONGRESS.

Senate—(First Session.)—Mr. Hanna, in support of the Panama canal treaty, the senate, on the 9th, passed the bill granting assistance to the proposed Lewis and Clark expedition of Portland, Ore. The bill was reported to the senate on the 8th, and was passed on the 9th, by a vote of 75 to 15. The bill provides for a permanent memorial to Lewis and Clark, and for the provision of a permanent memorial to the Lewis and Clark expedition.

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The senate, on the 10th, confirmed Thos. N. Jamieson naval officer of customs of the port of Chicago.

Burglars blew open the safe of the Molsons' bank at Aylmer, Ont., on the 12th, and stole \$15,000. They also blew open the safe of the private bank of James Munro at Embro, Ont., securing a large sum of money.

W. E. Slifer was found guilty of murder in the first degree by a jury in Grundy County, Ia., on the 12th. Slifer was accused of the murder of his wife. They were two members of a Dukardis community.

One of the nine zinc smelting works of the Cherokee Lanyon, at Iola, Kas., was destroyed, on the 12th, by fire. Loss, \$60,000. The plant had a capacity of 40 tons a day and employed 200 men.

Ex-Alderman Jacob Ellen, of Grand Rapids, Mich., convicted of accepting a bribe in the Lake Michigan water deal, on the 12th, decided to perfect an appeal to the supreme court.

A. Beck, a banker of Warsaw, Ind., shot himself in the head, on the 12th, after swallowing carbolic acid, death ensuing within a few minutes. Continuing sickness was the cause for the suicide.

Assistant Secretary Loomis of the state department, on the 12th, presented to the president members of the executive committee of the American Medical society. The president cordially greeted each of them.

Dr. Eduardo Acevedo Diaz, the recently-appointed minister to the United States from Uruguay, presented his credentials to the president on the 12th.

LATE NEWS ITEMS.

William Rudolph, who, with George Collins, robbed the bank at Union, Mo., Dec. 26, 1902, and who, after arrest, made a sensational escape from the officers at St. Louis, July 6, 1903, was located, on the 13th, in the Kansas state penitentiary, at Lansing, having been sentenced for a safe robbery at Louisville, Kan., under the name of Albert Gray.

It was reported at Washington, D. C., on the 14th, that all hope of Senator Hanna's recovery had been abandoned, and any previous improvement in the senator's condition had been only temporary. It was stated that there was no chance for saving his life.

The survivors from the Varlag and the Koritz, the Russian cruisers that were sunk by the Japanese fleet, at Chemulpo, on the 8th, say the cruisers sunk were the Naniwa, Takahiohio Akashi, Suma and the Asama. The Japanese did not lose a man.

Robert E. Ball, a well-known actor, died, at Denver, Col., on the 14th, after a lingering illness, from consumption. He was born in Rochell, Ill., 35 years ago. He began his stage career early in life, and for a number of years he played with Frank Daniels.

After being out twenty-two hours the jury in the O. P. McCarver murder trial reported, on the 13th, that it could not agree upon a verdict, and was discharged by Judge Davis, at Farmington, Mo., and the case set down for trial again on May 31.

Former Chief Louis P. Webber, of Boston, Mass., fire department, died, on the 14th, of paralysis, at the age of 60 years. He was well known to firemen all over the country, and also to Grand Army men, as he was a civil war veteran.

At its meeting, on the 13th, it was the view of the members of the relief committee that Baltimore and Maryland were amply able to provide for all exigencies, and that there would be no appeal for outside aid on account of the recent fire.

William J. Lemp, multimillionaire, president of the William J. Lemp brewing company, of St. Louis, shot himself in the right temple, at his home, on the 13th, and died half an hour later, without having regained consciousness.

According to advices received at Tokio, Japan, regarding the engagement at Port Arthur, on the 9th, say altogether twelve Russian vessels were destroyed and eight captured.

Senate—The suspension concerning the condition of Senator Hanna had an appreciable effect on the senate, on the 13th, and as a result the proceedings were marked by an unusual listlessness and depression. There were no speeches on any subject whatever, and more attention was given to the frequent bulletins announcing the conditions of the senator than to matters of legislation. The entire time of the of the legislative session was devoted to routine business, the most important matter taken up being the bill providing for a gratuity to former Queen Liliuokalani, of Hawaii, which was lost on a tie vote. Several bills were passed. At 3:10 the senate went into executive session and at 3:19 adjourned.

House—Proceeding under "personal privilege" recognition, Mr. Shafroth (dem., Cal.) relinquished his seat in the house in favor of Robert W. Bonyne, the republican contestant for the seat. Mr. Shafroth's statement was regarded as most extraordinary and sensational. It was received with prolonged applause on the part of both republican and democratic members, and when he had concluded nearly the entire democratic membership surrounded his seat. The house, after a forty minute session, at 12:40 adjourned.

Marcus A. Hanna, United States senator from Ohio, and one of the foremost figures in American public life, died, on the 15th, at Washington, D. C., of typhoid fever after an illness of two weeks. He passed away peacefully and without pain. All members of the family were at the bedside when the end came.

Dr. E. A. De Schweinitz, chief of division in the agricultural department at Washington, D. C., and one of the foremost chemists in the country, died there, on the 15th, of uremia. In recent years he had been dean of the medical school of the Columbian university.

It was officially announced, on the 15th, from London, that Lord Roberts had retired from the war office, but that at the special request of Premier Balfour he had consented to place his services at the disposal of the committee for imperial defense.

Prosecuting Attorney O'Keefe of Saginaw, Mich., on the 15th, nolle prossed cases against the ten aldermen and ex-aldermen, as the result of indictments brought by the recent grand jury charging attempted bribery in an electric lighting deal.

Missouri State Gleanings.

"UNION KING" IS DEAD.

Resolute Resident of St. Charles County Succumbs to Attack of Pneumonia.

Henry W. D. Ernest, the "union king" of Missouri Point, expired at his home in St. Charles county, after a brief illness with pneumonia.

Ernest was a rather eccentric character. He was several times committed to insane asylums, but conducted himself in such excellent manner that he was always released.

Among old contentions of Ernest one was that the body of a deceased person should be kept at least 72 hours before burial. He exacted a promise from his relatives while he lay on his deathbed to the effect that his remains would be held that time before interment.

Ernest was 67 years old and was a veteran of the civil war.

He owned considerable farming land at Missouri Point and West Alton, and from the fact that he devoted all the ground to raising onions exclusively, and of fine varieties, he became known as the "union king."

Junior Married Couple.

Walter R. Cook and Miss Harriett Mae Buchanan enjoyed the distinction of being the first couple that ever stopped the wheels of justice in the Clayton circuit court long enough for a marriage ceremony. After getting their license in the recorder's office, the couple inquired for a minister to perform the marriage ceremony. They were informed that Rev. John Score, pastor of the Mount Zion church in Creve Coeur, was then in the court-house, serving on a jury. They asked that he be called, and Judge McElhinney consented to an interruption of the case on trial.

Charged With Fraud.

On the first anniversary of his wedding, Fred B. Havens, a Kansas City insurance man, was arrested in St. Louis, on a charge of obtaining \$562.30 from H. L. Bright, of Carthage, Mo., under false pretenses. Bright alleges that Havens wrote him \$10,000 insurance in the Mutual Life Insurance Co. of New York, on which he paid the first premium, amounting to \$562.30. Later, he says, he learned that Havens was not an agent of the company. Havens denies the charge, and says the matter will be explained satisfactorily.

Missing Man Dies in West.

After more than thirty years, the mystery surrounding the sudden and unexplained disappearance of George Geyer, who was a prosperous young man of Friendship, has been partially cleared by the receipt of a letter announcing his recent death in California. Geyer disappeared from his home in 1871. A mutilated body found several days later was identified as his. His property was sold, and until now no doubt existed as to his death.

Fatal Fire in Kansas City.

One person perished and four others were injured, one perhaps fatally, in a fire that destroyed a three-story brick apartment house in Kansas City. The dead—Miss Jessie Averill, aged 20; burned to death. The injured—Miss Ida Parish, badly burned and injured internally; Miss Lena Snelling, face and hands burned, serious; Miss Margaret Shaw, face and head burned, seriously; Mrs. Minnie Taylor, head and hands badly burned, arm broken.

Much Excitement.

Some stirring things happened in Salisbury ten years ago, according to the Democrat. For instance: James W. Wayland lost a red setter pup; George H. Winslow threw a brick at a cat and killed four of his chickens, and enough rain fell to make stock water more than plentiful.

Well Supplied.

Caldwell county is said to be better supplied with telephones than any other county in Missouri. All the post offices have communication with each other, and in every locality many of the farmers have 'phones in their homes.

Trail Postponed.

The illness of Charles F. Kelly, alleged St. Louis bootlegger, caused a postponement of the trial himself, Charles J. Denny, Charles A. Gutke and Edmund Bersch in Judge McDonald's court. The case was set for March 1.

Gale in St. Louis.

A severe gale in St. Louis did considerable damage. The wind maintained a velocity of 60 miles an hour, and smokestacks and telegraph poles were blown down.

Fifty Indictments.

The Grundy county grand jury has returned fifty indictments, most of them being for misdemeanor. A special term of the circuit court will be opened March 8.

Died on a Train.

Clair Commons, aged 40, a former Kansas City business man, died on a Burlington train near St. Joseph. He had been in ill health for some time.

To Co-Operate With Government.

The Missouri agricultural experiment station is to co-operate with the United States government in a series of cattle feeding experiments.

Caught a Burglar.

Arthur Leon, a 16-year-old boy, captured a negro burglar in his home at Wellston, St. Louis county, with the help of a neighbor.

Robbers Get Five Years.

George Ryan pleaded guilty to a charge of robbery, in St. Louis, and was sentenced to serve five years in the penitentiary.

William Schuck.

William Schuck, 32 years old, a director of the Monroe City bank, and prominent in Catholic circles, is dead. He was 82.

Contractor Robbed.

J. W. Tippet, a World's fair contractor, was robbed of \$362 by highwaymen in St. Louis.

TOBACCO IN MISSOURI.

The Plant Can Be Profitably Grown in Every County in the State.

A series of practical experiments conducted during the last year in Missouri demonstrated conclusively that tobacco can be profitably grown in every one of the 114 counties of the state. The industry is on the increase, and the indications are that more tobacco will be planted in Missouri next spring than at any time in the history of the state. Missouri now ranks as the ninth tobacco state, Kentucky standing first.

The fact is, therefore, remarkable that the latter averages only 808 pounds to the acre, while Missouri has for several years produced 830 pounds to the acre.

The maximum yield to the acre in this state is now placed at 1,600 pounds, and the minimum at not less than 500.

The recent experiments demonstrated that the most profitable varieties that can be grown in this section of the country are the "yellow prior," the "seed leaf" and the "white burley."

The tobacco land should be broken deep and the surface thoroughly pulverized by harrowing and rolling. Mark the rows four feet apart, and drill the plants 20 inches apart to obtain fine fiber, and thin leaves. Manufacturers want tobacco that will absorb largely of sugar and licorice. If the land is flat, a slight ridge for the plants will prevent smothering by heavy rains.

A tablespoonful twice filled full of seed will sow four square rods of bed which, if all grow, will produce enough plants for five acres. The seed should be mixed with a gallon of dry ash or fine earth to distribute evenly, and the surface of the bed should be firmly packed.

Transplanting is advisable when the plants are four or five inches high. Cloudy weather, immediately following a rain, is a favorable time for transplanting.

When the plants have begun growing, cultivate thoroughly with plow and hoe, eradicating all weeds and grass; kill all the worms, for one of them alone can ruin a plant; prime each plant by pinching off the three leaves next to the ground; remove every bloom as the bud appears, allowing from ten to sixteen leaves to each stalk, according to the strength of the plant, and keep all "suckers" plucked off.

Two methods of harvesting were found to be so equally profitable that either is advised. One method is to cut the whole stalk and suspend in the "dry house" with all leaves on till it is cured. The other method is to strip the leaves from the stalk and string with twine or sticks.

World's Fair Notes.

The shipment of Brazilian exhibits is being hastened.

King Alfonso of Spain will send the royal art treasures.

Abraham Miller, of New York, will give a special prize in the Olympic games to the winner of the 800 meter run.

One of the exhibits in the trophy room of the physical culture department will be the magnificent gold cup which Mrs. Langtry, the actress, received when she won one of the greatest races at Ascot, England, some years ago.

Supposed Corpse Awakes.

After being picked up for dead beside the Burlington tracks and taken to the morgue in St. Joseph, John Miller surprised Coroner Doyle and City Physician Owens by coming back to life. It is supposed that Miller was struck by a train, but his relatives think he met foul play, and that the body was placed beside the track to throw off suspicion. Miller's skull was badly crushed, and he may yet succumb.

Big Cluster of Pearls.

In the English exhibit at the St. Louis exposition will be a cluster of pearls, the largest in the world, and valued at something more than \$100,000. This valuable natural specimen consists of about 150 pearls in a solid bunch, and measures one and one-half inches in length and three-quarters of an inch in breadth. It is about an inch in thickness and is undoubtedly the most valuable pearl discovery ever made.

They Will Be There.

Word has been received at World's fair headquarters that Vermont and New Hampshire, the two states last to announce their intention, will be represented with state buildings.

Played With Revolvers.

Louis Leppé, 17 years old, was accidentally shot and killed in St. Louis by Fred Krommüller, his chum, while the youths were playing with revolvers.

Peach Crop Will Be Short.

Horticulturists report that the peach crop will be very short this year on account of the recent cold weather which was preceded by warm days.

Switchman Killed.

August Schluemer, a switchman, was killed, by falling from the front running-board of an engine in the Burlington yards in St. Louis.

Granary Burned.

Edward C. Weeks, residing north of Eldon, sustained a loss of \$1,000 by the burning of his granary, evidently the work of incendiaries.

Troy Schools Closed.

The Troy public schools have been closed by order of the board of education, on account of scarlet fever, which is raging there.

Woman Thrown From Bug.

Mrs. Graves was seriously injured at Troy by being thrown from a buggy. Owing to her advanced age, her condition is critical.

Scarlet Fever at Marshall.

Marshall is in the throes of an epidemic of scarlet fever. All precautions are being taken by the authorities.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

Dunn Granted Respite.

Mark Dunn, who was to have been hanged at St. Joseph on February 12, was granted a respite by Gov. Dockery, execution being stayed until March 11. This is the second respite the governor has granted Dunn. The governor stated that the only reason he did so was because he had not sufficient time to examine the affidavits presented to him, and that unless more promptness and diligence were shown by Dunn's attorneys, instead of waiting until a day or two before the time fixed for the carrying out of the sentence, he would not again interfere. He commented upon the absence from the petitions for a commutation of the death sentence of recommendations for mercy from the trial judge and the prosecuting attorney.

Three Years Past Century.

Mrs. Nancy Layman Mitchell, who celebrated her one hundred and third birthday February 3, died at Fayette of old age. She was born in Knoxville, Tenn., February 3, 1801. She had been a member of the Christian church for many years. Mrs. Mitchell was, until a few years ago, an inveterate smoker. She made her home with her grandson, City Marshal William Slaughter.

Sold at Receiver's Sale.

The E. T. Davis Milling Co., one of the oldest and best-known properties of the kind in the west, was sold at a receiver's sale, in St. Joseph, to R. R. Clarke, of Lawrence, Kas., who is connected with the Bowersock Milling Co., of that place. The price was \$40,000. Several years ago the mill began making a breakfast food which became popular not only in this country, but in many sections of Europe.

Democratic Convention Dates.

The nominating convention for the selection of a state ticket will be held at Jefferson City, July 19.

The convention for the selection of delegates to the St. Louis national convention will be held at Joplin, June 29.

The judicial convention, for the nomination of candidates for the supreme court, will be held in St. Joseph, June 21.